

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS

FOR SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Reminder: Starting in with data reported in this issue, industry employment data will use a different classification system known as the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Why is this important? The broad industry nomenclature will be similar to the older system (Standard Industrial Classification - SIC), but the sub-industries that make up these broader sectors will change. In addition, there will be new industrial categories as well. These changes will be so significant that one will not truly be able to compare data from the new system to the old. A major challenge presented, initially, will be that the NAICS system will only code the most current data and will not re-code estimates prior to 2003 to the new nomenclature for an undetermined amount of time. This will make historic analysis difficult. This new system will not affect any of the reported labor force (unemployment) data. The change to NAICS is reflected in this month's Workforce Observations publication.

Seasonal Unemployment Rates drop in January

January Local Labor Scene

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the **Janesville/Beloit Metropolitan Area** decreased two percent in January to 6.2 percent. The January 2003 rate was down 0.6 percentage points as compared to the Janesville/Beloit Metro rate for January 2002. Both the statewide and national seasonal adjusted rate for January 2003 fell by 0.3 percentage points compared to December rates. Statewide in January 2003 the rate was equal to last January's rate of 5.4 percent.

The unadjusted unemployment rate for Southwest Wisconsin increased 1.6 percent in January, to 7.1 percent. The Southwest Wisconsin unadjusted rate was down by 0.3 percentage points compared to last January.

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Assistance Sought from Multi-Location Employers

Employers with operations in multiple locations (worksites) in Wisconsin who do not report the number of workers at each location are requested to complete a Multiple Worksite Report (MWR). The MWR are sent to employers during the first quarter by the **Bureau of Workforce Information** and

supplement the data that employers provide on the Unemployment Insurance Quarterly Contribution Report.

Similar to the unemployment report, the employment and wage data collected in this survey is confidential and

used only for statistical and analytical studies, Unemployment Insurance Program purposes, and the Dislocated Worker Program. Employers benefit because data can be used to assist business planners with new sites location, economic forecasting, and wage analysis.

For more information, or assistance on the MWR, contact Deborah Holt at 608.266.5321

| Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted) | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | Janesville/Beloit MSA | Wisconsin (000s) | United States (000s) |
| Current month: Jan 2003 | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 79,700 | 3,098.9 | 145,838 |
| Employment | 74,800 | 2,932.1 | 137,536 |
| Unemployment | 4,900 | 166.8 | 8,302 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.2% | 5.4% | 5.7% |
| Change from one month ago | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,500 | 71.0 | 688 |
| Employment | 3,000 | 77.6 | 1,097 |
| Unemployment | -1,500 | -6.6 | (409) |
| Unemployment rate | -2.0% | -0.3% | -0.3% |
| Change from one year ago | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 400 | 63.0 | 2,012 |
| Employment | 900 | 60.7 | 1,745 |
| Unemployment | -500 | 2.3 | 267 |
| Unemployment rate | -0.6% | 0.0% | 0.1% |

Note: All estimates are preliminary and based on place of residence.

Southwestern Wisconsin Workforce Development Area

| January 2003 | Grant | Green | Iowa | Lafayette | Richland | Rock | Region | Non MSA's | Wisconsin |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Civilian Labor Force* | 24,974 | 17,227 | 14,242 | 7,258 | 8,452 | 78,809 | 150,962 | 72,153 | 3,065,215 |
| Employed | 23,235 | 15,878 | 13,380 | 6,605 | 7,908 | 73,171 | 140,177 | 67,006 | 2,873,467 |
| Unemployed | 1,739 | 1,349 | 862 | 653 | 544 | 5,638 | 10,785 | 5,147 | 191,748 |
| Unemployment rate(%) | 7.0 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.3 |
| Total Nonfarm | 18,700 | 13,400 | 11,100 | 3,540 | 5,900 | 66,100 | 118,700 | 52,600 | 2,716,700 |
| Total Private | 13,400 | 11,400 | 9,600 | 2,480 | 4,700 | 57,300 | 98,900 | 41,600 | 2,314,800 |
| Goods Producing | 3,200 | 3,400 | 1,100 | 620 | 1,800 | 17,800 | 27,900 | 10,100 | 631,500 |
| Service Producing | 15,500 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 2,920 | 4,100 | 48,300 | 90,800 | 42,500 | 2,085,200 |
| Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs | 500 | 600 | 500 | 120 | 100 | 2,600 | 4,400 | 1,800 | 110,900 |
| Manufacturing | 2,700 | 2,900 | 600 | 500 | 1,600 | 15,200 | 23,500 | 8,300 | 520,600 |
| Trade | 2,700 | 2,600 | 5,900 | 650 | 1,000 | 12,400 | 25,200 | 12,800 | 422,600 |
| Transportation & Utilities | 500 | 300 | 300 | 190 | 100 | 2,700 | 4,100 | 1,400 | 308,100 |
| Financial Activities | 1,100 | 400 | 200 | 190 | 300 | 1,900 | 4,100 | 2,200 | 153,000 |
| Education and Health Services | 2,300 | 2,200 | 900 | 280 | 600 | 8,400 | 14,700 | 6,300 | 357,000 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,600 | 1,300 | 800 | 260 | 500 | 5,500 | 10,000 | 4,500 | 224,800 |
| Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs | 2,000 | 1,200 | 400 | 290 | 400 | 8,600 | 12,900 | 4,300 | 932,200 |
| Total Government | 5,330 | 1,990 | 1,460 | 1,070 | 1,190 | 8,740 | 19,800 | 11,000 | 401,900 |
| Federal | 160 | 90 | 100 | 70 | 60 | 330 | 800 | 500 | 29,200 |
| State | 2,190 | 40 | 80 | 30 | 150 | 430 | 2,900 | 2,500 | 92,100 |
| Local | 2,980 | 1,860 | 1,290 | 970 | 970 | 7,980 | 16,000 | 8,100 | 280,700 |
| Change from one month ago | December 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force* | 490 | -1,270 | -1,270 | 80 | 200 | 2,200 | 440 | -1,800 | 60,500 |
| Employed | -60 | -1,760 | -1,550 | -70 | 70 | 1,300 | -2,110 | -3,400 | 27,600 |
| Unemployed | 550 | 490 | 280 | 150 | 140 | 900 | 2,540 | 1,600 | 32,900 |
| Unemployment rate(%) | 2.1 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 1.0 |
| Total Nonfarm (NFWs) | -600 | -2,030 | -1,750 | -80 | -90 | -1,500 | -6,100 | -4,500 | -70,000 |
| Percent change NFWs last month | -3.1% | -13.1% | -13.6% | -2.3% | -1.6% | -2.3% | -4.9% | -8.0% | -2.5% |
| Total Private | -500 | -2,000 | -1,700 | -30 | -100 | -1,200 | -5,500 | -4,300 | -46,200 |
| Goods Producing | -300 | -200 | -100 | -40 | 0 | -400 | -1,100 | -600 | -12,400 |
| Service Producing | -300 | -1,800 | -1,700 | -40 | -100 | -1,100 | -5,000 | -3,900 | -57,600 |
| Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs | -50 | -90 | -90 | -20 | -40 | -200 | -500 | -300 | -11,100 |
| Manufacturing | -210 | -120 | 10 | -20 | 0 | -200 | -500 | -300 | -1,200 |
| Trade | -100 | -1,390 | -1,500 | 0 | -50 | -300 | -3,300 | -3,000 | -15,700 |
| Transportation & Utilities | -60 | 10 | -40 | -10 | -10 | -100 | -200 | -100 | -15,200 |
| Financial Activities | 0 | 10 | -10 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -400 |
| Education and Health Services | 0 | -40 | 20 | 10 | 10 | -200 | -200 | 0 | -3,900 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | -20 | -40 | -90 | 0 | -10 | -100 | -300 | -200 | -6,500 |
| Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs | -70 | -360 | 10 | -20 | 20 | -100 | -500 | -400 | -9,500 |
| Total Government | -90 | 0 | -50 | -50 | -30 | -380 | -600 | -200 | -23,700 |
| Federal | -10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -600 |
| State | -30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -40 | -30 | -100 | -100 | -10,700 |
| Local | -60 | -10 | -50 | -50 | 10 | -350 | -500 | -200 | -12,400 |
| Change from one year ago | January 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force* | 840 | -720 | 730 | -10 | 110 | 300 | 1,300 | 900 | 61,300 |
| Employed | 830 | -790 | -140 | -90 | 110 | 900 | 1,600 | 800 | 58,600 |
| Unemployed | 0 | 70 | 0 | 90 | -10 | -500 | -400 | 200 | 2,700 |
| Unemployment rate(%) | -0.2 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 1.2 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0 |
| Total Nonfarm (NFWs) | 520 | -860 | 500 | -40 | 40 | -500 | -400 | 100 | -2,600 |
| Percent change NFWs last year | 2.8% | -6.0% | 4.7% | -1.2% | 0.7% | -0.8% | -0.3% | 0.3% | -0.1% |
| Total Private | -100 | -800 | 500 | 10 | 0 | -400 | -900 | -500 | 4,200 |
| Goods Producing | -300 | -300 | 0 | -60 | -100 | -800 | -1,500 | -700 | -11,900 |
| Service Producing | 800 | -600 | 500 | 20 | 100 | 300 | 1,100 | 900 | 9,300 |
| Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs | -20 | 90 | -20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1,000 |
| Manufacturing | -280 | -360 | 0 | -60 | -50 | -700 | -1,500 | -800 | -10,900 |
| Trade | -70 | -420 | 320 | 0 | -40 | 500 | 300 | -200 | -7,700 |
| Transportation & Utilities | 60 | 20 | 10 | -10 | 0 | -400 | -300 | 100 | -9,000 |
| Financial Activities | 130 | 30 | 10 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 200 | 200 | 1,600 |
| Education and Health Services | 40 | 50 | 40 | 20 | 50 | 100 | 300 | 200 | 6,700 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 90 | 200 | 150 | 20 | 20 | -100 | 300 | 500 | 3,800 |
| Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs | -90 | -440 | -50 | 40 | 10 | 300 | -200 | -500 | 19,000 |
| Total Government | 650 | -30 | 50 | -50 | 10 | -70 | 600 | 600 | -6,800 |
| Federal | -20 | -10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -20 | 0 | 0 | -600 |
| State | 640 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 700 | 600 | -600 |
| Local | 30 | -20 | 40 | -60 | 20 | -70 | -100 | 0 | -5,600 |

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWs data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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